

Members

Diane Dillon
Mark Luce
Lori Luporini
Mark Van Gorder
David Graves
Jeff Reichel
Phill Blake
Donald Gasser
Kate Dargan
Jeffrey Redding
Robert Steinhauer
Charles Slutzkin
Marc Pandone
Richard Camera

Alternates

Harold Moskowite
Karen Slusser

- MINUTES / ACTION SUMMARY -

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 22, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.
2nd Floor Conference Room, Hall of Justice Building,
1125 Third Street, Napa CA

Staff Representatives

Patrick Lowe,
Secretary
Deputy Director,
Conservation Div., CDPD

Jeff Sharp,
Watershed Coordinator
Planner III,
Conservation Div., CDPD

Laura Anderson,
Counsel
Attorney IV,
County Counsel's Office

1. **CALL TO ORDER, WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS & ROLL CALL** (Chairman/Staff)
New appointments and reappointments were made by the Board of Supervisors on September 13, 2005.
Welcome Marc Pandone and Robert Steinhauer!

Members Present: Mark Van Gorder, David Graves, Jeff Reichel, Donald Gasser, Robert Steinhauer, Charles Slutzkin, Carol Kunze (for Marc Pandone, her last meeting), Richard Camera

Members Absent Excused: Diane Dillon, Mark Luce, Phill Blake, Kate Dargan

Members Absent: Lori Luporini, Jeffrey Redding

Staff Present: Patrick Lowe, Jeff Sharp

Robert Steinhauer introduced himself to the Board. Carol Kunze informed the Board that this will be her last meeting and that Marc Pandone (who could not attend) will fulfill the vacancy.

2. **APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES**
None at this time

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
In this time period, anyone may comment to the Board regarding any subject over which the Board has jurisdiction, or request consideration to place an item on a future Agenda. No comments will be allowed involving any subject matter that is scheduled for discussion as part of this Agenda. Individuals will be limited to a three-minute presentation. No action will be taken by the Board as a result of any item presented at this time. (Chairman)

Outcome: None presented.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Board/Staff)
 - a. Grant **Funding Fair on November 4, 2005** hosted by Division of Financial Assistance, California Water Boards and State Water Resources Control Board (Staff)

Outcome: Informational.

- b. Reminder **WICC Board Member biographies and photographs still needed** for WICC WebCenter and outreach materials (Staff/Board)

Outcome: Staff announced not all of the Board Members have provided biographies and photographs for use in on the WICC WebCenter. The information will be used to add a human element to the WICC WebCenter and inform site users and the public of the WICC's Board of Directors and the community representation they embody. A reminder to provide this information will be sent to the Board by staff.

- c. New Board Member **orientation of the WICC WebCenter** is available and encouraged (Staff)

Outcome: Staff circulated a contact information sheet and asked that each Board member review the information to ensure it is correct. Staff also offered to orient new Board members to the WICC WebCenter, encouraging anyone interested to call and arrange a time at their convenience.

- d. Others (Board/Staff)

Outcome: Staff announced (for Phill Blake who could not attend) that the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is offering watershed restoration and management funding for on the ground projects through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) sponsored by the federal government. A flier detailing the program was circulated to the Board.

Staff also announced an upcoming symposium called "City Rivers: The Urban Creek Restored" on November 18th in Sacramento and circulated a flier with containing information about the event.

Staff provided an issue of "Wildland Waters" published by the USDA Forest Service and mentioned that this edition included an interesting discussion on the relationship of fire in forested watersheds and the affects fire has on the health and function of aquatic ecosystems.

Charles Slutzkin announced that WICC staff spoke at the Watershed Forum and that the presentation given was very informative and suggested that other groups interested in the WICC invite staff to speak at their gatherings.

5. UPDATES/REPORTS:

- a. Update on **General Plan Steering Committee activities and General Plan Update** process (Staff)

Outcome: Staff announced that two meetings were held thus far, one being an extended alternatives charrette. Committee member Carol Kunze found the alternative scenarios a very interesting part of the planning process. Jeff Reichel, also a Committee member, added that water and water use remains a topic at the forefront of many of the Committee's discussions.

- b. Update on **Board of Supervisor's consideration to approve WICC's 2005-06 Strategic Plan and expansion of the Board's membership** to include a representative from city and town (Staff)

Outcome: Staff informed the Board that the County Supervisors will consider the matter at their October 18, 2005 meeting. The selection process of elected city representatives will be conducted according to each city's individual nomination practice. Since the WICC functions as an advisory committee to the County Board of Supervisors, final appointment of those nominated will be conducted by County Supervisors.

- c. Update and report on **2005-06 grant opportunities** offered through the Regional Water Boards Division of Financial Assistance, the US Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies and meeting with San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board staff on October 5, 2005 (Staff)

Outcome: Staff informed the Board that staff level meetings are planned between WICC staff, Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) staff and Regional Water Board staff to assess opportunities, support coordination and address priorities for grant funding offered through various California resource agencies.

- d. Update and report on **recent WICC presentations** given to U.C. Berkeley Graduate Studio in Landscape Architecture and community interest leaders at the Watershed Forum (Staff)

Outcome: Informational. Over the past month Staff provided various WICC presentations to the community.

6. REPORT AND DISCUSSION ON THE HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF THE LISTING OF THE NAPA RIVER AS WATER QUALITY IMPAIRED:

Report and discussion on the **history and background of the listing of the Napa River** as water quality impaired under the federal Clean Water Act by California Environmental Protection Agency and the State Water Resources Control Board by authority in the California Water Code and the Porter-Cologne Act (Staff/RCD)

Outcome: Informational. Staff introduced Leigh Sharp of the RCD who presented the Board with an overview of the Clean Water Act, the 303(d) list, the role of the CalEPA, the State Water Board and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards, and the specific pollution concerns of the Napa River. Leigh also outlined the background/history behind the Napa River listing and how the TMDL process developed to address water quality impairment and protection of identified beneficial uses. The Board had many questions and a lengthy discussion on the Napa River's beneficial uses, the pollution impairments identified and the reasons behind the listing of the waterway. There was also interest in delisting the river and understanding the State's delisting process, as well as some of the benefits of being on the 303(d) list.

7. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION THAT THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) REVIEW AND RECOMMEND AN INFORMATIVE MEANS OF HOSTING BENTHIC MACRO-INVERTEBRATE (BMI) MONITORING DATA ON THE WICC WEBCENTER:

Presentation, discussion and possible **direction that the WICC's TAC review and recommend an informative means of hosting initial BMI monitoring data on the WICC WebCenter** collected by the Friends of Napa River (FONR) BMI Project. A brief background of the project will be provided, as well as a sample of the information/data and what it can tell us about the health and function of the Napa River system (Staff/FONR)

Outcome: Informational. Staff introduced Bernhard Krevet of Friends of the Napa River. Bernhard presented the Board with an overview of the Benthic Macro Invertebrate (BMI) study. Todd Adams outlined the data collected for the study and explained how that data may be use to evaluate the health and function of a creek system. Graphical samples of the data were reviewed and discussed. The Board directed staff to discuss the data with its Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and an appropriate means of hosting of the information on the WICC WebCenter.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Board/Staff)

Outcome: Update on the TAC's review of the BMI data and recommendation for hosting that information on the WICC WebCenter.

9. NEXT MEETING – Regular Board Meeting of October 27, 2005 – 4:00 PM
Hall of Justice Building, 2nd floor Conference Room, 1125 Third Street, Napa

10. **ADJOURNMENT** (Chairman)

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